

Junior Fishery Biologist Position Job Opening Bristol Bay Science and Research Institute (BBSRI)

POSITION TITLE: Junior Fishery Biologist

ANNOUNCEMENT:

BBSRI is seeking to hire a Junior Fisheries Biologist to support fisheries research and monitoring operations in the Bristol Bay area and Bering Sea. BBSRI works closely with resource managers, the fishing industry, municipalities, and communities to improve the management of area fish stocks and other natural resources. The position will be structured to work as part of a team to fulfill existing project obligations and new research initiatives. This is a full-time position with benefits. Travel throughout the Bristol Bay area is essential, and fieldwork in various locations can represent a large portion of the summer field season.

BBSRI is a 501(c)(3) subsidiary of the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation whose mission is to undertake scientific research and management that will foster economic and social benefits to the residents and communities of Bristol Bay to ensure sustainability of the region's renewable natural resources with an emphasis on its fish stocks and fisheries.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Assist the Executive Director in fulfilling existing research and monitoring obligations, and support activities to obtain funding for new research initiatives. Conduct field studies and related project operations, with direction. Assist with study design, implementation, data analysis and reporting. Consistently perform at a high level, and ultimately achieve independence in conducting all aspects of work.

In the short term (3-5 years) the incumbent will support the Nushagak Salmon Stock Assessment Initiative which seeks to address well-known shortcomings of the Nushagak salmon assessment program used for fishery management. Specifically, all aspects of implementing and operating new projects revolving around salmon escapement. This will include, preseason planning and logistics, hiring technicians, training, deploying field projects, supervising data collection, camp demobilization, and assisting in data analysis and report writing.

In the long term, this position is designed to provide for career advancement and promotion. The incumbent will be mentored to further develop their skillset in study design, implementation, data analysis and report writing to eventually be able to independently run all aspects of scientific research projects.

This position will be stationed in Anchorage; however, it will be responsible for the successful execution of several fisheries projects in the Bristol Bay Area. As such, this position will require travel to the field and working in remote field camps. The successful applicant must be willing to travel by small boat and aircraft and able to remain overnight in remote field camps for periods of time during the field season.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate abilities and experience consistent with the following:

- Master of Science in a fisheries related field;
 - Or; A Bachelors of Science in a fisheries or biology related field and preference for 2 years professional experience in fisheries;
- Solid field experience in fish assessment methods and technologies, and data collection.
- Field operations management abilities in training, task scheduling, mechanical equipment operation and maintenance, and data management;
- Experience in implementing projects in logistically challenging remote Alaskan locations;
- Experience with hand and power tools, and building simple camp structures;
- Strong analytical, technical writing, and computer skills with evidence of junior authorship on study reporting products. Preference for candidates with statistical analysis using software such as R or SAS;
- Positive reviews from professional seniors and peers who can describe your strengths and limitations;

REPORTS TO:

BBSRI Executive Director

STARTING SALARY RANGE:

\$60,000 to \$80,000, commensurate with experience and skills. Plus Benefits Package.

DUTY STATION:

Anchorage, Alaska

CONTACT/APPLY:

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